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THE WEATHER FORECAST.
Fair and warmer to-day; cloudy and
colder to-morrow.
Highest temperature yesterday, 43; lowest, 32.
Detailed weather, mail and in-line reports on page 13.

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THOMPSON MEN SHUT OFF FROM 'FISHING TRIPS'

Committee to Get \$30,000 to
Continue Work, but Must
Spend It Up State.

ONLY A VERY FEW MORE
N. Y. CITY SESSIONS

Senator's Own District to
Be Looked Into if the
Plan Goes Through.

INQUIRY PROPOSAL
TO DIE IN COMMITTEE

Time to Stop Bickering and
Call Junketers Home, G.

O. P. Leaders Agree.

Indications at Albany yesterday were
that Senator Thompson will receive
the \$30,000 extra appropriation needed
to pay the bills of his committee in-
vestigating Public Service Commis-
sions. There will be only a few more
meetings in New York city, the greater
part of the remaining time being
taken up with an inquiry into the
lighting system of Senator Thomp-
son's own district. It is regarded as
a two-sided victory. The chairman
of the commission prevents his com-
mittee from being shut off entirely,
but is forestalled from conducting a
"fishing excursion."

Strong pressure is being brought to
bear by Gov. Whitman to end the
bickering among Republican leaders.
The sentiment expressed by Speaker
Sweet, Senator Elton R. Brown and
Simon Adler, Republican floor leader
of the Assembly, was that it is time
for all committees to finish up their
work and come back to the Capitol.
Assemblyman McQuinn introduced
his resolution calling for an in-
vestigation into the expenditures and
reports of all committees. This was
referred to the Assembly Committee
on Ways and Means and will probably
do duty.

Senator Thompson, in calling for a
prolongation of his work, declared that
the members of the committee would
travel in freight cars and the em-
ployees accept reductions in wages to
carry on the task.

District Attorney Swann will begin
the presentation of the Baltimore bills
of the Thompson committee to the
Grand Jury today. The hotel auditor
cure to the bill and two un-
named witnesses will be called, while
the documents as filed with the State
Comptroller will be contrasted with
the books of the hotel showing the
actual expenditures.

The State Comptroller's office at Al-
bany rejected yesterday the claim of
the Panama-Pacific Exposition Com-
mission showing the payment of \$20,-
000 to the New York Central Rail-
road for transportation for the Whit-
man party to and from San Fran-
cisco. The only person was that the
claim was not itemized according to
the requirements of the office.

Thompson Urged
TO STOP HEARINGS

Chairman of Investigative Refuses
to Halt Inquiry.

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—Indications to-night
were that the Thompson committee will
not let the extra month's time asked for by
the chairman of the committee and the
House needed to pay the bills of the
committee, but that most of the re-
maining time of the committee will be
devoted to looking into the lighting
system of Senator Thompson's home
district and to the drafting of the com-
mittee's report and recommendations to
the Legislature.

The Thompson committee may find it
necessary to hold a few more meetings
in New York city to clean up the situa-
tion there, but it is not expected that
the committee will go into any thorough
investigation of new questions concerning
public service corporations.

In effect Chairman Thompson wins
his fight, but the opponents in the Legis-
lature to the continuing of the Thomp-
son committee of its investigation as a
fishing expedition also win, as it was
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the Legislature.

GEORGE VON L. MEYER FIGHT WITH TRUXTON BEALE

Fists Fly in Old Fashioned Rough and Tumble Contest
in Washington Street After Altercation in a Club—
Ex-Secretary of Navy's Eye Cut.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—All Wash-
ington was talking to-night of a fist fight
which took place this afternoon between
George von L. Meyer, ex-Secretary
of the Navy, and Truxton Beale of
this city, who is a brother-in-law of
the Russian Ambassador.

Mr. Meyer and Mr. Beale, both of
whom are members of the Metropolitan
club, were in the clubhouse when an
altercation began. There has been long
feeling between Mr. Meyer and Mr. Beale
for a long time over an incident that
had occurred in a New York club, and
the old animosity showed itself when
the two were thrown together to-day.

It is understood that one word led to
another until the two were in a fist
fight. Meyer challenged the ex-Secretary
to step outside and settle it. Mr. Meyer did
not and the two were no sooner on the
sidewalk than they were at each other
with their fists.

A fine old rough and tumble contest
was under way when Capt. M. P. Potts,
who was a member of Mr. Meyer's
staff when the latter was Secretary of
the Navy, rushed in between the two
and separated them. Both combatants
entered the clubhouse in a badly mused
condition. Mr. Meyer was slightly cut
under one eye and Mr. Beale's forehead
was marked with a red line.

Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the President's
physician, happened to be in the club-
house and he immediately treated Mr.
Meyer's wound.

Capt. Henry Ward was giving a pre-
paredness luncheon at the Metropolitan
club and Mr. Meyer was to be one of
the guests. The fracas caused a
lot of excitement at the luncheon, but
the ex-Secretary of the Navy calmly en-
tered and took his seat after his clothes
had been changed and his eyes treated
by Mr. Meyer.

Neither would make a statement to-
night about the affair.

Mr. Meyer's friends said on his be-
half, however, that "he had been at-
tacked." That was the only comment
that was authorized.

Truxton Beale is 55 years of age,
but has a reputation as a Washington
fighter. He is of an athletic build
and a good sized man. Mr. Meyer
is 58 years old and also is active and
vigorous.

Mr. Beale is a brother-in-law of John
R. McLean, the publisher. He married
Harriet Blaine, daughter of James G.
Blaine, but they were divorced. He is
son of Gen. George Beale, one of the
famous California "forty-niners." Mr.
Beale was United States Minister to
Persia and also to Greece, Rumania and
Serbia at one time. He is a member of
the Knickerbocker and University clubs
of New York.

FILIPPO REE IN 2 TO 4 YEARS, WILSON'S PLAN

Senator Clarke Offers Sub-
stitute Bill After Presi-
dent Calls on Him.

MEASURE IS EXPECTED
TO PASS THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—President Wil-
son has virtually given his approval to
an amendment to the Philippines govern-
ment bill now pending in the Senate
which provides for the independence of
the islands in from two to four years.

The amendment was introduced in the
Senate to-day by Senator Clarke of Ar-
kansas. It was offered as a substitute
for another amendment by Senator
Clarke which had been before the Senate
for several weeks.

This first amendment gave independ-
ence to the Philippines in two years from
the passage of the act and directed the
President to begin negotiations at once
for an international agreement with the
leading Powers to respect the independ-
ence and neutrality of the islands.

President Wilson learned a few days
ago that there was a strong probability
that if the Clarke amendment, propos-
ing independence in two years, came to a
vote it would pass. It was learned that
a majority of the Democrats favored it.

Senator Clarke sought out Senator
Clarke when he heard of the situation
and proposed a modification of the
amendment. The President, it is un-
derstood, went to the Colman Hotel, where
Senator Clarke lives, to see him about
the matter.

He pointed out to the Senator the dif-
ficulty of reaching any international
agreement under the present situation
now prevailing in Europe. The President
also suggested it might be advisable to
put a provision in the amendment that
if the President should find it impossi-
ble to secure such an agreement within
the end of four years to proclaim
self-government in the Philippines he
should be empowered to state that fact
and make a report to Congress.

Senator Clarke agreed to the amend-
ment. Today he introduced it. The
President has indicated that he is op-
posed to it, but he will not oppose the amend-
ment if the Democrats in the Senate
favor it.

The resident Commissioner from the
Philippines, Manuel Quezon, has given
his approval to it as fulfilling the pledge
made by the Democrats in their party
platform looking to independence.

Senator Hitchcock had a conference
with the President to-day on the subject
of the Philippine bill. He expressed his
reference that the bill carrying the Clarke
amendment would probably pass the
Senate, but said that a few minor
amendments would be made to it. The
Senator is not so sure it will pass the
House.

When it became known at the Senate
to-day that the President had done the
usual thing of going to Senator
Clarke's hotel to confer with him on the
Philippine legislation there was much
comment. It was said that Senator
Clarke with the Administration were not
so cordial in the last session of Congress.
He fought the Administration ship pur-
chase bill, and the theatre of the char-
acter of the President tried to prevent his
selection as President pro tem of the
Senate. Mr. Clarke won over his op-
ponents after several days of hard fight-
ing.

WHY FORDQUIT PEACE VOYAGE TOLD AS FACT

His Eyes Opened to German
Idea by Schwimmer
Documents.

WAR ON OSCAR II.
AIDED BY LOCHNER

By J. HERBERT DICKWORTH.
The true story of the historic wran-
gling over the Ford peace ship, Oscar II.,
and of the opposition at Kirkwall that
led to Henry Ford quitting the step-
pepilars at Kirkwall and returning
to the United States has never been
fully published either in the United
States or England. When I left Copen-
hagen the American newspaper cor-
respondents had good reasons for sus-
pecting that these facts had been
secretly and heavily censored by Mrs.
Schwimmer, the self-styled "expert ad-
viser" to the mission, before the stories
were handed over to the King's
harbor master at Kirkwall for delivery
to all of the many stories describing
the first historic voyage of "Peace"

I soon learned on my return from
Norway on the Kristianstad yesterday
that all of the many stories describing
the first historic voyage of "Peace"
that I know were written had reached
New York in a badly muddled condition.
I heard rumors before we reached
Kirkwall that the mission was being
run by a man named Oscar II. had
been told to allow Mrs. Schwimmer to
see the correspondence despatches be-
fore they were handed over to the King's
harbor master at Kirkwall for delivery
at the cable office there. I know posi-
tively that the contents of Mr. Ford's
message to the London Daily Mail were
known to the Ford "insiders" a few
hours after I had delivered it to the
cable office there. I know that not a
line of the message had ever reached
London.

In the light of subsequent discoveries
it is not at all surprising that Mrs.
Schwimmer should have been able to
put a check upon the contents of the
newspaper men.

But what it was that turned Mr.
Ford from his mission is a story which
at the time he took his decision to re-
turn to the United States. We knew
at the time that the party had left New
York on a mission to the King's har-
bor master at Kirkwall for delivery
to all of the many stories describing
the first historic voyage of "Peace"

Like Mrs. Schwimmer's Millions.
The key is supplied by these mys-
terious documents which Mrs. Schwimmer
had claimed to have received from
statements high in the councils of the
Government. A batch of papers with
definite reference to approval of a peace
conference. Upon them she had based her
confident claim that all Europe was
ready to accept a peace conference. The
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COMPULSION BILL PASSES COMMONS, VOTE 383 TO 36; TO BE LAW BY FEBRUARY 1

CHIEF STEPS IN TEMPESTUOUS
PASSAGE OF CONSCRIPTION BILL
The compulsory military service bill was introduced in the House
of Commons on January 6. The vote on the first reading was
403 to 105.

A Cabinet crisis followed. Sir John Simon, the Home Secretary,
resigned. Three other members of the Ministry threatened to resign.
The Irish party decided to stand by the Government and a motion to
kill the bill when it came up for second reading on January 12 was
lost by 431 to 39.

The bill passed its third reading by
383 to 36.
It is now in the House of Lords. The Government's plan to rush
it through is indicated by the following programme:
January 25 (Tuesday)—Second reading.
January 26 (Wednesday)—Third reading.
January 28 (Friday)—Parliament to be prorogued.
February 1 (Tuesday)—Bill to be law.

Measure Now in the House
of Lords and Will Be
Rushed Through.

ASQUITH MINISTRY
SCORES A TRIUMPH

War Office Already For-
mulating Tribunals to Enforce
Act's Provisions.

FURTHER HOSTILITY
BY LABOR EXPECTED

Three Ministers May Resign
—General Opposition
Not Looked For.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Jan. 24.—The compulsory
military service bill passed its third
and final reading in the House of Commons
this afternoon by a vote of 383 to 36,
and was advanced to-night to its first
reading in the House of Lords.

No delay is expected in the upper
house and it is believed that the bill
will have its second and third readings
there by Thursday and receive the royal
assent and become a law by the first of
February. Parliament will probably be
prorogued Friday.

The votes on the three readings of the
bill in Commons have been as follows:
First reading—284 to 10.
Second reading—by a record 383 to 36.
Third reading—383 to 36.

Triumph for Ministers.
The passage in a little less than three
weeks of what is considered the most
radical departure from the English con-
ception of personal liberty since the time
of Cromwell has been a great
triumph for the Asquith Ministry, from
which it is generally expected Premier
Asquith and his colleagues have emerged
much strengthened.

Bonar Law in his speech winding
up the debate remarked on the won-
derful change since the first reading of
the bill, which, he said, was a com-
promise between those who thought that
it went not far enough and those who
believed it went too far.

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indicted for refusal to accept a call
to the colors.

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